

Greensand Country Landscape Partnership

Volunteer role description

We're looking for some volunteer Wardens to help us look after the three Destination Plus Circular Routes. These routes are in Leighton Buzzard, in Ampthill and between Biggleswade, Sutton and Potton.

These Routes help people get outdoors so that they can come to appreciate the distinctive and loved Greensand Country. We're looking for keen walkers, but you don't need any previous experience of being a Volunteer Warden. You just need enthusiasm and passion and a love of the Greensand Country landscape.

Role title:

Volunteer Warden

Location:

Either in Leighton Buzzard, Ampthill or between Biggleswade,
Sutton and Potton

Responsible to:

Chris Nicol, Contracts Officer, Central Bedfordshire Council.

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Role purpose:

Take a walk around one of the 3 routes in the Greensand Country area and report back on the condition of the surface, signage, vegetation clearance

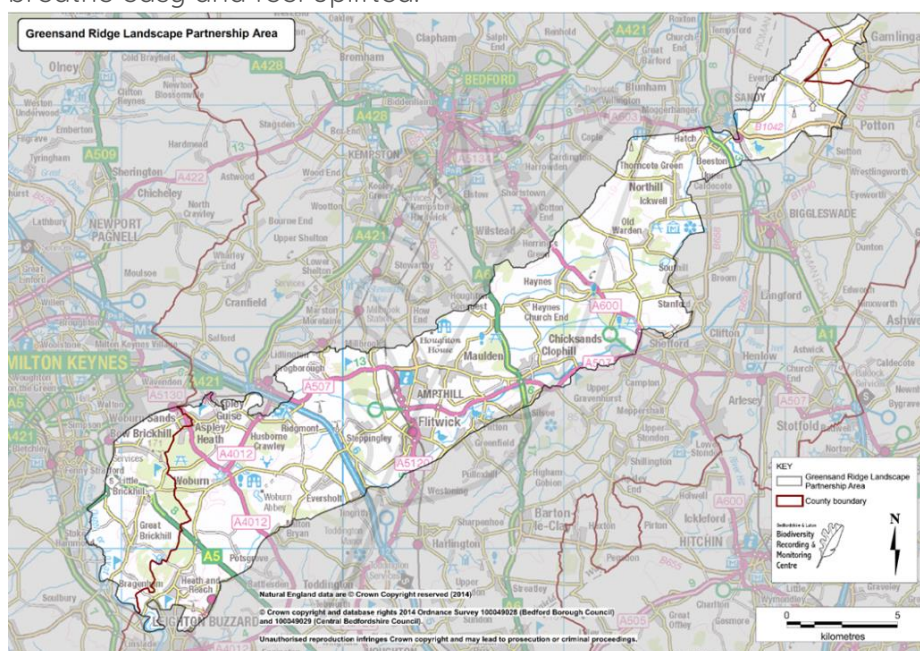
Where is the Greensand Country?



Greensand Country is an island of distinctive, beautiful and loved countryside in the heart of Bedfordshire.

It is a landscape rich in wildlife and cultural heritage, with its own special qualities and sense of place.

An oasis of relative peace, quiet, solitude and well-being, it is a place where people feel able to slow down, unwind and connect with nature. It is somewhere to escape city life, breathe easy and feel uplifted.



Why this role is important to us:

The Greensand Country is the wooded sandstone ridge with its associated river valleys to the south of Bedford. It is surrounded by clay vales.

The Greensand Country was considered for centuries as 'marginal land' because of the lightness and acidity of the sandy soils. The area was used by major landowners for hunting, recreation, forestry, heathland and livestock grazing. The aristocracy built manor houses for themselves and estate villages for their workers. The natural habitats of this Greensand landscape are heather heathland, acidic grassland and woodland.



Today this heritage is disappearing, due to changing land use and modern built development. In the 'Greensand Country' Landscape Partnership programme, we are bringing the key partners in the landscape together to reverse some of this decline. It will raise awareness amongst local people and visitors about the Greensand Country's unique heritage, and involve them in creating a sustainable future.

These three promoted routes have been selected in areas with new developments. They are to encourage the new people moving into the Greensand Country to appreciate their new environment.

You can find out more about the programme on

www.greensandcountry.com

The delivery stage of the programme started in January 2017 and we are delivering an exciting array of projects to achieve the above aims and objectives. This role will be instrumental in helping us deliver the Landscape Partnership.

Training and support offered:

You Will Get

- a great excuse to explore the Greensand Country and get some exercise!
- to contribute regularly to the maintenance of your local area.
- help, training and advice on signs and bridges on your route.

Time and Commitment

- each walk usually takes around 2 hours, but it does not have to be done in all one go.
- to walk the route at least 4 times a year, take notes and photographs, and then to report back usually by email any issues that you find.

Expenses paid by BRCC:

We will pay reasonable expenses.



Skills/experience required

If you would like any more information or would like to become a volunteer warden please contact chris.nicol@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk



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